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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3176)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to employment services programs administered
2 by the department of workforce development by providing
3 for conformity with federal law concerning the workforce
4 development board, authorizing the department to carry out
5 certain actions relating to the unemployment insurance
6 program, making an appropriation, and including effective
7 date provisions.
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 DIVISION I
2 CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY
3 ACT

4 Section 1. Section 84A.1A, subsection 1, unnumbered
5 paragraph 1, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

6 An Iowa workforce development board is created, consisting
7 of nine voting members appointed by the governor and ~~twelve~~
8 sixteen ex officio, nonvoting members.

9 Sec. 2. Section 84A.1A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
10 2016, is amended to read as follows:

11 b. The ex officio, nonvoting members are four legislative
12 members; one president, or the president's designee, of
13 the university of northern Iowa, the university of Iowa, or
14 Iowa state university of science and technology, designated
15 by the state board of regents on a rotating basis; one
16 representative from the largest statewide public employees'
17 organization representing state employees; one president, or
18 the president's designee, of an independent Iowa college,
19 appointed by the Iowa association of independent colleges and
20 universities; one superintendent, or the superintendent's
21 designee, of a community college, appointed by the Iowa
22 association of community college presidents; one representative
23 of the vocational rehabilitation community appointed by
24 the state rehabilitation council in the division of Iowa
25 vocational rehabilitation services; one representative of
26 the department of education appointed by the state board of
27 education; one representative of the economic development
28 authority appointed by the director; one representative
29 of the department for the blind appointed by the director;
30 one representative of the department on aging appointed
31 by the director; one representative of the department of
32 corrections appointed by the director; one representative of
33 the department of human services appointed by the director; and
34 one representative of the United States department of labor,
35 office of apprenticeship. The legislative members are two

1 state senators, one appointed by the president of the senate
2 after consultation with the majority leader of the senate,
3 and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate from
4 their respective parties; and two state representatives, one
5 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives
6 after consultation with the majority leader of the house of
7 representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of
8 the house of representatives from their respective parties.
9 The legislative members shall serve for terms as provided in
10 section 69.16B.

11 Sec. 3. Section 84A.1A, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
12 following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. a. The workforce development board
14 may designate and direct the activities of standing committees
15 of the workforce development board to provide information and
16 to assist the workforce development board in carrying out
17 its duties. Such standing committees shall be chaired by a
18 member of the workforce development board or a designee of
19 the workforce development board, may include other members
20 of the workforce development board, and shall include other
21 individuals appointed by the workforce development board who
22 are not members of the workforce development board and who
23 the workforce development board determines have appropriate
24 experience and expertise. At minimum, the workforce
25 development board shall designate each of the following:

26 (1) A standing committee to provide information and assist
27 with operational and other issues relating to the state
28 workforce development system.

29 (2) A standing committee to provide recommendations
30 regarding policies, procedures, and proven and promising
31 practices regarding workforce development programs, services,
32 and activities.

33 (3) A standing committee to provide information and to
34 assist with issues relating to the provision of services to
35 youth. The standing committee shall include community-based

1 organizations with a demonstrated record of success in serving
2 eligible youth.

3 (4) A standing committee to provide information and to
4 assist with issues relating to the provision of services to
5 individuals with disabilities, including issues relating to
6 compliance with applicable state and federal nondiscrimination
7 laws regarding the provision of programmatic and physical
8 access to the services, programs, and activities of the state
9 workforce development system, as well as appropriate training
10 for staff on providing supports for or accommodations to,
11 and finding employment opportunities for, individuals with
12 disabilities.

13 b. The workforce development board may designate standing
14 committees in addition to the standing committees specified in
15 paragraph "a".

16 Sec. 4. Section 84A.1B, subsections 1, 3, 7, and 8, Code
17 2016, are amended to read as follows:

18 1. Develop and coordinate the implementation of a
19 ~~twenty-year~~ four-year comprehensive workforce development
20 plan of specific needs, goals, ~~objectives~~ strategies, and
21 policies for the state. This plan shall be updated ~~annually~~
22 every two years and revised as necessary. All other state
23 agencies involved in workforce development activities and
24 the ~~regional advisory~~ local workforce development boards ~~for~~
25 ~~workforce development~~ shall ~~annually~~ submit to the board for
26 its review and potential inclusion in the plan their needs,
27 goals, ~~objectives~~ strategies, and policies.

28 3. Develop a method of evaluation of the attainment of
29 needs and goals ~~and objectives~~ from pursuing the strategies and
30 policies of the ~~five-year and twenty-year plans~~ four-year plan.

31 7. Review grants or contracts awarded by the department
32 of workforce development, with respect to the department's
33 adherence to the guidelines and procedures and the impact
34 on the ~~five-year strategie~~ four-year plan ~~for workforce~~
35 ~~development~~.

1 8. Make recommendations concerning the use of federal
2 funds received by the department of workforce development ~~with~~
3 ~~respect to the five-year and twenty-year workforce development~~
4 ~~plans.~~

5 Sec. 5. Section 84A.1B, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended
6 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 2. Develop and coordinate the implementation of statewide
9 workforce development policies, procedures, and guidance to
10 align the state's workforce development programs and activities
11 in an integrated and streamlined state workforce development
12 system that is data driven and responsive to the needs of
13 workers, job seekers, and employers.

14 Sec. 6. Section 84A.1B, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsections:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. Develop and coordinate strategies for
17 technological improvements to facilitate access to, and improve
18 the quality of, the state's workforce development services,
19 including all of the following:

20 a. Enhance digital literacy skills as defined in 20 U.S.C.
21 §9101.

22 b. Accelerate the acquisition of skills and recognized
23 postsecondary credentials by participants.

24 c. Strengthen the professional development of providers and
25 workforce professionals.

26 d. Ensure such technology is accessible to individuals with
27 disabilities and individuals residing in remote areas.

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Develop and coordinate strategies for
29 aligning technology and data systems across state agencies
30 in order to improve the integration and coordination of the
31 delivery of workforce development services.

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. Identify and disseminate information
33 on proven and promising practices for meeting the needs
34 of workers, job seekers, and employers, including but not
35 limited to proven and promising practices for the effective

1 operation of workforce centers and systems; the development of
2 effective local workforce development boards; the development
3 of effective training programs; effective engagement with
4 stakeholders in the state's workforce development system;
5 effective engagement with employers; and increasing access
6 to workforce services for all Iowans, in particular for
7 individuals with a barrier to employment as defined in the
8 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No.
9 113-128, section 3(24).

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Develop and coordinate the
11 implementation of allocation formulas for the distribution
12 of funds available for employment and training activities in
13 local workforce development areas under the federal Workforce
14 Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, sections
15 128(b)(3) and 133(b)(3).

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Provide recommendations to the
17 governor regarding the certification of local workforce
18 development boards.

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Develop and coordinate the analysis
20 of labor market information in order to identify in-demand
21 industries and occupations.

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Make recommendations to the governor
23 regarding the designation of local workforce development areas
24 and regions in the state under the federal Workforce Innovation
25 and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, section 106.

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. Make recommendations to the general
27 assembly and governor regarding workforce development services,
28 programs, and activities.

29 Sec. 7. Section 84A.4, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2016, are
30 amended to read as follows:

31 1. A ~~regional advisory~~ local workforce development board
32 shall be established in each service delivery area as defined
33 in section 84B.2. The voting members of ~~the~~ each board shall
34 be appointed by the governor, consistent with the requirements
35 of federal law and in consultation with chief elected officials

1 within the ~~region~~ local workforce development area. Chief
 2 elected officials responsible for recommendations for ~~board~~
 3 board's voting membership shall include, but are not limited
 4 to, county elected officials, municipal elected officials,
 5 and community college directors. The voting membership of
 6 each board shall provide for equal representation of business
 7 and labor and shall include a county elected official, a
 8 city official, a representative of a school district, and a
 9 representative of a community college. A local workforce
 10 development board may appoint ex officio, nonvoting members.

11 3. Section 84A.1A, subsections 2, 3, and 5, apply to the
 12 members of a ~~regional advisory~~ local workforce development
 13 board except that the board shall meet if a majority of
 14 the members of the board file a written request with the
 15 chairperson for a meeting. Members of a ~~regional advisory~~
 16 local workforce development board shall be allowed their actual
 17 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
 18 duties. All expenses shall be paid from appropriations for
 19 those purposes and the department of workforce development is
 20 subject to the budget requirements of chapter 8.

21 Sec. 8. Section 84A.4, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended
 22 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
 23 following:

24 2. A local workforce development board shall do all of the
 25 following:

26 a. Develop and coordinate the implementation of a four-year
 27 comprehensive local workforce development plan that identifies
 28 needs, goals, strategies, and policies for the local workforce
 29 development area. A local workforce development plan shall
 30 be updated every two years and revised as necessary. A local
 31 workforce development board shall coordinate the convening of
 32 local workforce development system stakeholders to assist in
 33 the development of the local workforce development plan.

34 b. Develop and coordinate the alignment of the local area's
 35 workforce development programs, services, and activities in an

1 integrated and streamlined workforce development system that
2 is data driven and responsive to the needs of workers, job
3 seekers, and employers.

4 *c.* Develop and coordinate policies that increase access
5 to workforce services for all Iowans, in particular for
6 individuals with a barrier to employment as defined in the
7 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No.
8 113-128, section 3(24).

9 *d.* Develop and coordinate the creation of reports as
10 required by section 84A.1B.

11 *e.* Develop a budget for the local workforce development
12 board's activities in the local workforce development area,
13 consistent with the four-year comprehensive local workforce
14 development plan, any modifications to the local workforce
15 development plan, and the local workforce development board's
16 duties under this section.

17 *f.* Convene workforce development system stakeholders to
18 identify expertise and resources to leverage support for
19 workforce development programs, services, and activities in the
20 local area.

21 *g.* Coordinate outreach to employers and economic development
22 entities in the local workforce development area.

23 *h.* Coordinate the performance of workforce research and
24 regional labor market analysis.

25 *i.* Participate in the development of strategies for using
26 technology to maximize the accessibility and effectiveness of
27 the local workforce development system.

28 *j.* Participate in the oversight of workforce development
29 programs and activities in the local workforce development
30 area.

31 *k.* Award grants or contracts as required by and consistent
32 with applicable state and federal law.

33 *l.* Designate a fiscal agent.

34 *m.* Participate in the development of performance
35 accountability measures for the local workforce development

1 area.

2 *n.* Participate in the identification and promotion of proven
3 and promising practices for meeting the needs of workers, job
4 seekers, and employers.

5 *o.* Coordinate activities with education and training
6 providers in the local workforce development area.

7 *p.* Participate in the identification of eligible providers
8 of training and career services within the local workforce
9 development area.

10 *q.* Make recommendations to the state workforce development
11 board regarding workforce development programs, services, and
12 activities.

13 *r.* Participate in the implementation of state workforce
14 development initiatives.

15 Sec. 9. Section 84A.4, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A local workforce development board may
18 do the following:

19 *a.* Designate and direct the activities of standing
20 committees of the local workforce development board to provide
21 information and to assist the local workforce development board
22 in carrying out its duties. Such standing committees shall be
23 chaired by a member of the local workforce development board,
24 may include other members of the local workforce development
25 board, and shall include other individuals appointed by the
26 local workforce development board who are not members of the
27 local workforce development board and who the local workforce
28 development board determines have appropriate experience and
29 expertise.

30 *b.* Engage in regional coordination with one or more other
31 local workforce development areas under the federal Workforce
32 Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, section
33 106.

34 Sec. 10. Section 84A.5, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2016,
35 is amended to read as follows:

1 The department of workforce development, in consultation
2 with the workforce development board and the ~~regional~~
3 ~~advisory~~ local workforce development boards, has the primary
4 responsibilities set out in this section.

5 Sec. 11. Section 84A.5, subsection 9, unnumbered paragraph
6 1, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

7 The department of workforce development, in consultation
8 with the applicable ~~regional~~ advisory local workforce
9 development board, shall select service providers, subject to
10 approval by the workforce development board for each service
11 delivery area. A service provider in each service delivery
12 area shall be identified to coordinate the services throughout
13 the service delivery area. The department of workforce
14 development shall select service providers that, to the extent
15 possible, meet or have the ability to meet the following
16 criteria:

17 Sec. 12. Section 84A.6, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 1. The department of workforce development, in consultation
20 with the workforce development board and the ~~regional~~
21 ~~advisory~~ local workforce development boards, the department of
22 education, and the economic development authority shall work
23 together to develop policies encouraging coordination between
24 skill development, labor exchange, and economic development
25 activities.

26 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. **84B.01 Workforce development system.**

27 The departments of workforce development, education,
28 human services, and corrections, the economic development
29 authority, department on aging, the division of Iowa vocational
30 rehabilitation services of the department of education, and the
31 department for the blind shall collaborate where possible under
32 applicable state and federal law to align workforce development
33 programs, services, and activities in an integrated workforce
34 development system in the state and in each local workforce
35 development area that is data driven and responsive to the

1 needs of workers, job seekers, and employers. The departments,
 2 authority, and division shall also jointly establish an
 3 integrated management information system for linking workforce
 4 development programs within local workforce development systems
 5 and in the state.

6 Sec. 14. Section 84B.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2016,
 7 is amended to read as follows:

8 The department of workforce development, in consultation
 9 with the departments of education, human services, and ~~human~~
 10 ~~rights~~ corrections, the economic development authority,
 11 the department on aging, the division of Iowa vocational
 12 rehabilitation services of the department of education, and
 13 the department for the blind, shall establish guidelines
 14 for colocating state and federal employment and training
 15 programs in centers providing services at the local level. The
 16 centers shall be known as workforce development centers. ~~The~~
 17 ~~departments and the authority shall also jointly establish~~
 18 ~~an integrated management information system for linking the~~
 19 ~~programs within a local center to the same programs within~~
 20 ~~other local centers and to the state.~~ The guidelines shall
 21 provide for local design and operation within the guidelines.
 22 The core services available at a center shall include but are
 23 not limited to all of the following:

24 Sec. 15. Section 84B.2, Code 2016, is amended to read as
 25 follows:

26 **84B.2 Workforce development centers — location.**

27 A workforce development center, as provided in section
 28 84B.1, shall be located in each service delivery area. Each
 29 workforce development center shall also maintain a presence,
 30 through satellite offices or electronic means, in each county
 31 located within that service delivery area. For purposes of
 32 this section, "*service delivery area*" means the area included
 33 within a merged area, as defined in [section 260C.2](#), realigned
 34 to the closest county border as determined by the department
 35 of workforce development. However, if the state workforce

1 development board determines that an area of the state would
2 be adversely affected by the designation of the service
3 delivery areas by the department, the department may, after
4 consultation with the applicable ~~regional advisory~~ local
5 workforce development boards and with the approval of the state
6 workforce development board, make accommodations in determining
7 the service delivery areas, including, but not limited to, the
8 creation of a new service delivery area. In no event shall the
9 department create more than sixteen service delivery areas.

10 Sec. 16. Section 260H.2, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 1. A pathways for academic career and employment program
13 is established to provide funding to community colleges for
14 the development of projects in coordination with the economic
15 development authority, the department of education, the
16 department of workforce development, ~~regional advisory~~ local
17 workforce development boards established pursuant to section
18 84A.4, and community partners to implement a simplified,
19 streamlined, and comprehensive process, along with customized
20 support services, to enable eligible participants to acquire
21 effective academic and employment training to secure gainful,
22 quality, in-state employment.

23 Sec. 17. Section 260H.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
24 2016, is amended to read as follows:

25 a. Economic and workforce development requirements in each
26 region served by the community colleges as defined by ~~regional~~
27 ~~advisory~~ local workforce development boards established
28 pursuant to [section 84A.4](#).

29 Sec. 18. Section 260H.4, subsection 2, paragraph b,
30 subparagraph (5), Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

31 (5) Any other industry designated as in-demand by a ~~regional~~
32 ~~advisory~~ local workforce development board established pursuant
33 to [section 84A.4](#).

34 Sec. 19. Section 260H.8, Code 2016, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **260H.8 Rules.**

2 The department of education, in consultation with the
 3 community colleges, the economic development authority, and the
 4 department of workforce development, shall adopt rules pursuant
 5 to [chapter 17A](#) and [this chapter](#) to implement the provisions of
 6 this chapter. ~~Regional advisory~~ Local workforce development
 7 boards established pursuant to [section 84A.4](#) shall be consulted
 8 in the development and implementation of rules to be adopted
 9 pursuant to [this chapter](#).

10 Sec. 20. Section 260I.6, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
 11 2016, is amended to read as follows:

12 e. Any other industry designated as in-demand by a ~~regional~~
 13 ~~advisory local workforce development~~ board established pursuant
 14 to [section 84A.4](#).

15 Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this
 16 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
 17 enactment.

18 DIVISION II

19 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS — AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN
 20 CONSORTIUM AND USE CERTAIN FUNDS — APPROPRIATION

21 Sec. 22. AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN CONSORTIUM. The department
 22 of workforce development is hereby authorized to join a
 23 consortium with the states of Idaho and Vermont for the purpose
 24 of modifying the Idaho unemployment benefit payment software
 25 system so that it can be used to pay unemployment insurance
 26 benefits by the state of Iowa.

27 Sec. 23. APPROPRIATION — UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT
 28 PAYMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM.

29 1. There is hereby appropriated out of funds made available
 30 to the state of Iowa under section 903 of the Social Security
 31 Act, as amended, the sum of one million seventy-six thousand
 32 dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used
 33 under the direction of the department of workforce development,
 34 for the purpose of modifying the Idaho unemployment insurance
 35 benefit payment software system so that it can be used to pay

1 unemployment insurance benefits by the state of Iowa and for
2 the acquisition of programing, software, and equipment required
3 to provide an administrative and payment system for the Iowa
4 unemployment insurance program.

5 2. The funds hereby appropriated shall not be obligated
6 after the expiration of the two-year period beginning on the
7 date of the enactment of this section.

8 3. The amount obligated pursuant to this section shall
9 not exceed at any time the amount by which the aggregate of
10 the amounts transferred to the account of this state in the
11 unemployment trust fund pursuant to section 903 of the Social
12 Security Act, as amended, exceeds the aggregate of the amounts
13 obligated for administration and paid out for unemployment
14 insurance benefits and required by law to be charged against
15 the amounts transferred to the account of this state in the
16 unemployment trust fund.

17 Sec. 24. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF FUNDS — UNEMPLOYMENT
18 INSURANCE BENEFIT PAYMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM.

19 1. Four million eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars,
20 or so much thereof as may be necessary, of incentive payment
21 funds credited with respect to the Assistance for Unemployed
22 Workers and Struggling Families Act, Pub. L. No. 111-5,
23 Division B, Tit. II, §2003, as codified in 42 U.S.C. §1103,
24 as a special transfer made under section 903(g) of the Social
25 Security Act, may be used under the direction of the department
26 of workforce development for the purpose of modifying the Idaho
27 unemployment insurance benefit payment system so that it can
28 be used to pay unemployment insurance benefits by the state
29 of Iowa and for the acquisition of programing, software, and
30 equipment required to provide an administrative and payment
31 system for the Iowa unemployment insurance program.

32 2. The funds hereby authorized for use shall not be
33 obligated after the expiration of the two-year period beginning
34 on the date of the enactment of this section.

35 Sec. 25. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF FUNDS — UNEMPLOYMENT

1 INSURANCE BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS.

2 1. Notwithstanding section 96.3, subsection 7, and section
3 96.3, subsection 10, paragraph "d", the department of workforce
4 development shall not pursue the recovery of any overpayments
5 of unemployment insurance benefits made to individuals caused
6 by a telephone system malfunction on March 8, 2014.

7 2. The department of workforce development is authorized to
8 make a one-time transfer of five hundred twenty-eight thousand,
9 three hundred seventy-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents, or
10 so much thereof as may be necessary, from moneys transferred
11 to the state on March 13, 2002, pursuant to section 903(d) of
12 the Social Security Act, to be deposited in the unemployment
13 compensation fund for the payment of unemployment insurance
14 benefits.

15 3. The funds hereby authorized for use shall not be
16 obligated after the expiration of the two-year period beginning
17 on the date of the enactment of this section.

18 Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this
19 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
20 enactment.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to employment services programs
25 administered by the department of workforce development by
26 providing for conformity with federal law concerning the
27 workforce development board, authorizing the department
28 to carry out certain actions relating to the unemployment
29 insurance program, and making an appropriation.

30 DIVISION I — CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION
31 AND OPPORTUNITY ACT. This division of the bill makes various
32 changes relating to the department of workforce development,
33 workforce development board, regional advisory boards, and
34 workforce development centers in order to conform state law
35 with the requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and

1 Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128.

2 The division adds four ex officio, nonvoting members to
3 the Iowa workforce development board. The additional members
4 are one representative of the department for the blind, one
5 representative of the department on aging, one representative
6 of the department of corrections, and one representative of the
7 department of human services.

8 The division permits the Iowa workforce development board
9 to designate and direct the activities of standing committees
10 of the board to provide information and to assist the board
11 in carrying out its duties. The division includes certain
12 specific standing committees that the board must designate.

13 The division modifies existing duties of the workforce
14 development board, including replacing requirements for
15 developing and coordinating implementation of five-year and
16 20-year workforce development plans with requirements for a
17 four-year comprehensive workforce development plan.

18 The division provides various new duties of the workforce
19 development board including duties relating to statewide
20 workforce development policies, procedures, and guidance;
21 technology and data systems; identifying and disseminating
22 information on proven and promising practices relating to
23 workforce needs; implementation of allocation formulas for
24 the distribution of certain federal funds; making certain
25 recommendations to the governor and general assembly; and
26 developing and coordinating the analysis of labor market
27 information.

28 The division renames regional advisory boards established
29 under current Code section 84A.4 as local workforce development
30 boards. Current membership requirements of such boards are
31 unchanged, although the division permits such boards to appoint
32 ex officio, nonvoting members. The division renames regions in
33 which such boards operate as local workforce development areas.

34 The division strikes existing duties of regional advisory
35 boards and provides new duties for local workforce development

1 boards, including duties relating to implementation of
2 four-year local workforce development plans, increasing access
3 to workforce services, developing a budget, coordinating the
4 performance of workforce research and regional labor market
5 analysis, oversight of workforce development programs and
6 activities, awarding grants or contracts, participating in the
7 identification of eligible providers of training and career
8 services within the local workforce development area, making
9 certain recommendations, and participating in state workforce
10 development initiatives. The division permits a board to
11 designate and direct the activities of standing committees
12 of the board to provide information and to assist the board
13 in carrying out its duties. The division permits a board to
14 engage in regional coordination with one or more other local
15 workforce development areas as provided in federal law.

16 The division modifies the state entities the department
17 of workforce development is required to consult with in
18 establishing guidelines for workforce development centers
19 by striking the department of human rights and adding the
20 department of corrections and the division of Iowa vocational
21 rehabilitation services of the department of education.

22 The division requires the departments of workforce
23 development, education, human services, and corrections, the
24 economic development authority, department on aging, the
25 division of Iowa vocational rehabilitation services of the
26 department of education, and the department for the blind to
27 collaborate where possible under applicable state and federal
28 law to align workforce development programs, services, and
29 activities in an integrated workforce development system in the
30 state and each local workforce development area that is data
31 driven and responsive to the needs of workers, job seekers, and
32 employers. The division requires the departments, authority,
33 and division to also jointly establish an integrated management
34 information system for linking workforce development programs
35 within local workforce development systems and in the state.

1 The division makes additional conforming statutory changes.

2 The division takes effect upon enactment.

3 DIVISION II — UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS —

4 AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN CONSORTIUM — APPROPRIATION —

5 AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF FUNDS. This division of the bill
6 authorizes the department of workforce development to join a
7 consortium with the states of Idaho and Vermont for the purpose
8 of modifying the Idaho unemployment benefit payment software
9 system so that it can be used to pay unemployment insurance
10 benefits by the state of Iowa.

11 The division appropriates out of funds made available to the
12 state of Iowa under section 903 of the Social Security Act, as
13 amended, the sum of \$1,076,000, or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary, to be used under the direction of the department of
15 workforce development, for the purpose of modifying the Idaho
16 unemployment insurance benefit payment software system so that
17 it can be used to pay unemployment insurance benefits by the
18 state of Iowa and for the acquisition of programing, software,
19 and equipment required to provide an administrative and payment
20 system for the Iowa unemployment insurance program.

21 The amount obligated shall not exceed at any time the amount
22 by which the aggregate of the amounts transferred to the
23 account of this state in the unemployment trust fund pursuant
24 to section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, exceeds
25 the aggregate of the amounts obligated for administration and
26 paid out for unemployment insurance benefits and required
27 by law to be charged against the amounts transferred to the
28 account of this state in the unemployment trust fund.

29 The division authorizes \$4,825,000, or so much thereof as
30 may be necessary, of incentive payment funds credited with
31 respect to the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling
32 Families Act, Pub. L. No. 111-5, Division B, Tit. II, §2003,
33 as a special transfer made under section 903(g) of the Social
34 Security Act, to be used under the direction of the department
35 of workforce development for the purpose of modifying the Idaho

1 unemployment insurance benefit payment system so that it can
2 be used to pay unemployment insurance benefits by the state
3 of Iowa and for the acquisition of programing, software, and
4 equipment required to provide an administrative and payment
5 system for the Iowa unemployment insurance program.

6 The division prohibits the department of workforce
7 development from pursuing the recovery of any overpayments of
8 unemployment insurance benefits made to individuals caused by a
9 telephone system malfunction on March 8, 2014, notwithstanding
10 Code section 96.3, subsection 7, and Code section 96.3,
11 subsection 10, paragraph "d".

12 The division authorizes the department of workforce
13 development to make a one-time transfer of \$528,379.68, or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary, from moneys transferred to
15 the state on March 13, 2002, pursuant to section 903(d) of
16 the Social Security Act, to be deposited in the unemployment
17 compensation fund for the payment of unemployment insurance
18 benefits.

19 The funds appropriated and authorized for use by the
20 division shall not be obligated after the expiration of the
21 two-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the
22 division.

23 The division takes effect upon enactment.